

AUSTRALASIAN DAFFODIL CHAMPIONSHIPS (TASDAFF 10)

September 16th-19th 2010

Show Venue – St Ailbe’s Hall, 46 Margaret St. Launceston, Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Daffodil Council is excited to be able to host the Australasian Daffodil Championships in Launceston in conjunction with the Launceston Horticultural Society’s Spring Flower Show.

Please find below, or attached, details of :

- Transport and accommodation. (Note that you have the responsibility for arranging transport to and from Launceston and for your accommodation.)
- The Program and Registration Form for the event.
- The Australasian Daffodil Championships Show Schedule (this is only part of the Launceston Horticultural Society’s show schedule which includes additional classes for daffodils as well as classes for other bulbs, camellias, cut flowers, shrubs etc. A copy of the full Show Schedule will be forwarded to registered delegates when it is printed).
- The Seminar Program at the Grand Chancellor Hotel on Saturday morning.
- The Bus Tours on Sunday morning.
- The latest information on quarantine arrangements for bringing daffodil blooms into Tasmania.

Getting to Launceston

Most people will no doubt wish to fly into Launceston with their flowers on Thursday 16th September 2010 and fly out on Sunday 19th or later that week.

Four domestic airlines currently fly into Launceston airport from Melbourne: Jetstar, Qantas, Tiger and Virgin Blue. The best way to arrange your flights is to google these airlines and book on the web or use a travel agent.

Some people may wish to bring their flowers by car on the overnight Bass Strait ferry (leaves Melbourne each night at 8pm and arrives Devonport 7am) and then drive the 100km to Launceston. See www.spiritoftasmania.com.au for bookings.

Accommodation

There are a number of accommodation options within walking distance of St Ailbe’s Hall.

Hotel Grand Chancellor ★★★★★☆ 29 Cameron Street,, Launceston 7250

We envisage most people will want stay in this hotel which is the venue for the Saturday morning seminars and the Saturday evening presentation dinner.

Mercure Hotel Launceston ★★★★★☆ 3 Earl St, Launceston, Australia, 7250

Penny Royal Hotel and Apartments ★★★★★☆ 147 Paterson Street, Launceston, Australia, 7250

Colonial Motor Inn Launceston ★★★★★☆ 31 Elizabeth Street, Launceston 7250

Quest Apartments Launceston ★★★★★☆ 16 Paterson St, Launceston 7250

Details of these and other hotels/apartments are available on www.check-in.com.au and search for Launceston.

A Bit About Launceston

In addition to having the longest running horticultural society in Australia, Launceston has also been home to several other firsts such as the first use of anaesthetic in the Southern Hemisphere, the first Australian city to have underground sewers and the first Australian city to be lit by hydro electricity. The current captain of the Australian Test Cricket team also hails from Launceston.

Launceston is often labelled “The Garden City” and has many lovely parks including the famous Cataract Gorge walkways and gardens.

Expect temperatures between 5 C, average low and 15 C, average high in September.

PROGRAM FOR THE AUSTRALASIAN DAFFODIL CHAMPIONSHIPS (TASDAFF 10)

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Thursday 16th

St Ailbe's Hall, 46 Margaret Street will be opened on demand for “Watering Up” of daffodil blooms. Show benches will be set up on Thursday evening ready for staging on Friday.

6 pm –7pm: Welcoming drinks and “nibbles” with Registration – Grand Chancellor Hotel.

Friday 17th

8-30am –1pm: Staging of daffodils exhibits with Registration.

1-30pm – 5-30pm: Judging of exhibits.

2pm-3-40pm: Optional Tour of Boags Brewery

6-30pm – 8-30pm: Show open for registered delegates only; a Light evening meal (pizza and other finger food) and drinks will be provided at St Ailbe's Hall show venue.

Saturday 18th

9am – 5 pm : Show open to the public

9am – 12-30pm : Seminar program at the Hotel Grand Chancellor (see details below).

12-30 – 1-30pm : Sandwich Lunch at the Hotel Grand Chancellor.

1-30 pm – 5 pm : Free afternoon – shopping, walk to Cataract Gorge, visit museum etc.

2pm – 4pm :National Daffodil Association of Australia meeting.

6-30pm for 7pm: Presentation Dinner at the Hotel Grand Chancellor with After Dinner Speaker. (Alternate serve 3 Course Menu with Tea, Coffee and Chocolates).

Sunday 19th

9am - 1-30pm Tours (see details below) including lunch **either:**

1. - Tamar Valley Gourmet Food and Wine Trail **OR**

2. – Heritage and Gardens

9am – 4 pm : Show open to the public

1-30pm -4pm: Free afternoon

4 pm : Remove exhibits and pack up show.

SEMINAR PROGRAM

9am – 12-30am - Sat 18th, Hotel Grand Chancellor

9am - 9-30am : Further development of Divs. 1 – 3 Blooms in Australia and New Zealand

9-30 - 10am :Species Daffodils and their cultivation and hybridisation.

10am- 10-30am : Div 7 & 8– Fertile Jonquillas and Tazettas – where to from here?

10-30am : Morning tea

11am-11-30am - Developments in Div 11- Splits in Australia and New Zealand

11-30am - 12 noon - Why Intermediate Blooms and their development in Australia and New Zealand

12-00 - 12-30pm - What's new in Miniatures –micros and minies?

BUS TOURS – 9am -1-30pm Sunday Morning (Subject to minimum passengers)

1. Tamar Valley Gourmet Food and Wine Trail -Visit Grindelwald Swiss Village (Speciality shops), Tamar Valley vineyard (wine tasting) and a Spring garden - includes Lunch. **OR**
2. Heritage and Gardens – Visit historic streets of Evandale (heritage architecture, antique shops), Clarendon House circa 1838 National trust property, and a Spring Garden - includes Lunch.

Quarantine Arrangements

For those bringing daffodil flowers from **mainland Australia** through Launceston airport or the Devonport “Spirit of Tasmania” ferry an Exemption under the Tasmanian Plant Quarantine Act has now been approved so that blooms imported for these Championships **will not be treated** but will be opened and inspected on Thursday afternoon 16th Sept. at St Ailbe’s Hall for insects and diseases. Any blooms that fail inspection will be seized by Quarantine Tasmania and will be destroyed at the contestant’s expense. Under the Exemption each registered participant is able to import **up to 75 blooms** in fully sealed insect proof packaging. A condition of the Exemption requires that at the end of the show **all daffodil blooms in the Championships including those staged by Tasmanian growers will be disposed of in a quarantine bin and destroyed.**

At the time of publication of these notes we are waiting for a final decision from AQIS regarding a similar exemption for daffodil blooms imported into Australia from **New Zealand**. At this stage it appears that, as a minimum, such an exemption would require similar physical inspection of blooms on arrival at Melbourne or Sydney airport.

People who indicate on the registration form that they will be bringing blooms to TASDAFF 10 will be individually contacted asap to provide further information on quarantine requirements.

See separate note for update